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Applicant Japan Gore-Tex Corporation		

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1. Basis of the report

a. This international search has been performed based on the language of the international application except as otherwise indicated hereunder.

☐ the international search was performed based on a translation of the international application as filed with the International Searching Authority (PCT Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ This international application contains a nucleotide or amino acid sequence (see Box No. I).

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

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6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the drawing to be published with the abstract is FIG. 1

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b. ☐ none of the drawings is to be published with the abstract

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER (International Patent Classification (IPC))			
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED			
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category of cited reference*	Name of cited reference, with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages		Relevant to claim No.
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